

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JUAN MANUEL JUAREZ,

Petitioner,

v.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA,**

Respondent.

CASE NO. 1:22-cv-00875-AWI-HBK (HC)

**ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS, DISMISSING
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS, AND DIRECTING CLERK OF
COURT TO ENTER JUDGMENT AND
CLOSE CASE**

(Doc. Nos. 1, 5)

Petitioner Juan Manuel Juarez is a state prisoner proceeding in propria persona with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Doc. No. 1. On July 20, 2022, the magistrate judge assigned to the case issued findings and recommendations to dismiss the petition because it is unexhausted and fails to state a federal habeas claim. Doc. No. 5. These findings and recommendations were served on all parties and contained notice that any objections were to be filed within fourteen days from the date of service of that order. On August 22, 2022, petitioner filed objections. Doc. No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(C), the Court has conducted a de novo review of the case. Having carefully reviewed the entire file, including petitioner's objections, the Court concludes that the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations are supported by the record and proper analysis.

In addition, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. A state prisoner seeking a writ of habeas corpus has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court's denial of his petition, and an appeal is only allowed in certain circumstances. Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 335–36 (2003). The controlling statute in determining whether to issue a certificate of appealability is 28 U.S.C. § 2253, which provides as follows:

(a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a district judge, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court of appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held.

(b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test the validity of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or trial a person charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test the validity of such person's detention pending removal proceedings.

(c)

(1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—

(A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State court; or

(B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.

(2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

(3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).

If a court denies a petitioner's petition, the court may only issue a certificate of appealability when a petitioner makes a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. § 2253(c)(2). To make a substantial showing, the petitioner must establish that "reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented were 'adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.'" Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (quoting Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 880, 893 & n.4 (1983)).

In the present case, the Court finds that Petitioner has not made the required substantial

1 showing of the denial of a constitutional right to justify the issuance of a certificate of
2 appealability. Reasonable jurists would not find the Court's determination that Petitioner is not
3 entitled to federal habeas corpus relief debatable, wrong, or deserving of encouragement to
4 proceed further. Thus, the Court will decline to issue a certificate of appealability.

5 **ORDER**

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 7 1. The findings and recommendations (Doc. No. 5) issued on July 20, 2022, are
8 ADOPTED in full;
9 2. The petition for writ of habeas corpus (Doc. No. 1) is DISMISSED;
10 3. The Clerk of Court shall ENTER judgment and CLOSE the file; and
11 4. The Court DECLINES to issue a certificate of appealability.

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13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 Dated: December 2, 2022


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SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE